

Hello,

My name is Stephen Patti and I am the father of a child on the autism spectrum. We live at 52 Arnoldale Rd in West Hartford, CT. I strongly oppose SB 1105 because my child, and all children on the spectrum, like all other children in CT, have the right to a free appropriate public education. They cannot get this education unless properly trained educators design, implement and supervise this education. Staff who are not thoroughly trained in ABA CAN NOT design and supervise effective ABA programming that will enable our children to learn.

Passage of this bill will hurt my child and countless others. It will perpetuate financial reliance on the state of adults with autism who do not achieve independence because of inadequate education.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Stephen Patti